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## **Pastor's View**

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

John 15:12

I want to thank Faith and Our Savior's for your generous Christmas gifts. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the elves who left Christmas goodies at our hotel on Christmas Eve. We enjoyed it all and are grateful and humbled.

As we begin a new year together, I feel so blessed to continue as your Interim Pastor. You show God's love to me and to each other in so many ways. Rural ministry is the best.

This is the traditional time to make New Year resolutions. Most resolutions are personal and involve some sort of self-improvement such as lose weight, exercise more or eat healthier. Those are all good goals, but have you ever thought of making a New Year resolution for Calamus Lutheran Parish? This year I encourage us to find one new way to work together as a parish instead of individual churches.

We do many things together already. Faith and Our Savior's share a pastor, a secretary, some worship services, confirmation, youth group, and Sunday school. We rotate worship times each year and some people feel comfortable attending worship at either church.

What else can we do this year to further grow the bond between the churches? This is a conversation we can have many places. In council, in Adult Sunday school, in our committees, among ourselves. I would be willing to hear your ideas anytime. Or maybe this resolution will be like so many others made this time of year and be forgotten. What do you think? I'd love to hear from you.

Let's begin 2022 continuing to do what is best for our church, for our families and for ourselves.

See you in worship!  
Pastor Roberta

# JANUARY



Please note that there will be **no Sunday School** on **January 2** (kids still on vacation from school) and **January 30** (so teachers can attend Annual Meetings).

### Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays - January 5, 12, 19, 26  
6:00 p.m. at Faith

### God Squad Bible Jams

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Wednesdays – January 5, 12, 19, 26  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

### Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, January 12  
10:00 a.m. at Diane Christensen's home



“The Kingdom of God”  
by Mark Allan Powell  
January/February issue of *Gather* magazine  
(pages 18-23)

**Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports for  
the congregations are due in the church office  
by Monday, January 17, 2022.**

~ ~ ~ **Annual Meetings** ~ ~ ~

Following Worship at Faith and Our Savior's  
**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

To contact Pastor Roberta, please use her  
cell phone number: **406-478-9518**

Please submit items for the February newsletter and all  
committee reports to the church office  
by Monday, January 17.  
Thank you for your cooperation!

**From: Dennis Rodenberg**  
**Re: His Ordination on January 8**

Siblings in Christ at Calamus,

Greetings from one who has been formed in your witness to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I am humbled and honored to share that I have accepted my first call to pastor at St. John Lutheran in Olin and Zion Lutheran in Wyoming. My family and I are staying in Mount Vernon as we practice our various vocations.

My ordination will take place at Seeds of Faith Lutheran Church, 798 Brenneman Lane, Lisbon, Iowa 52253 on Saturday, January 8, at 4:00 PM. Livestream will be available: [www.seedsoffaithlutheran.org](http://www.seedsoffaithlutheran.org). Please feel free to join us at the service and the reception to follow at the church.

I give the utmost thanks to your work in building a servant of the Church. Your welcome to our family as we found our way to Wheatland in 1989 has carried through the decades. Not only the memories that I have and sense of mission shared while I was a kid, but of the continued ministry we have shared as some saints have passed on and new ones find their own way and home to Faith and Our Savior's. I give thanks for the precious memories of Vacation Bible School, Lenten Soup Suppers (and one memorable Spaghetti Supper), and of course the feeling that God was with me in the pews during worship as God was with you.

I can't stop smiling when I think of June 2019 as I was able to come back and offer pulpit supply. It is one of the smallest ways I could think to thank you for your role in the life of the Church.

As you are in your own state of transition, my prayers are with you that God's light in Jesus continues to find a home in your hearts and your actions. You have been blessed beyond blessings and I cannot wait to see the great things that God will continue to do with the people of Faith and Our Savior's!

Peace,

Dennis Rodenberg

CLP Confirmation Class of 1997



## December Meetings

Meetings were canceled due to extreme wind.

## MINISTERS for January 2022

If you cannot do your task on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with someone or to find your own substitute and notify the church office of the change.

### FAITH CHURCH

**Ushers:**

Daryl Henning  
Doreen Henning

**Acolyte:**

Kalloway Whitman

**Altar Ministry:**

Diane Christensen  
Ryan Dick

**Communion Assistant:**

Doreen Henning

**Lectors:**

January 2: Doreen Henning  
January 9: Ashley Steffens  
January 16: Terri Boussetot  
January 23: Dirk Braet  
January 30: Marsha Witte

### OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

**Usher:**

Joe Morehead

**Acolyte:**

Kara Olson

**Communion Assistant:**

Cindy Burke

**Lectors:**

January 2: Amy Glover  
January 9: Joyce McCutcheon  
January 16: Dan Burke  
January 23: Cindy Burke  
January 30: Brian Boussetot

**Cleaners:**

Dan and Cindy Burke

# January 2022

NOTE: Sunday worship is also online at [www.clparrish.org](http://www.clparrish.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church OS = Our Savior's Church						<b>1 New Year's Day</b>
<b>2</b> 8:00 Worship – F No Sunday School 10:30 Worship – OS	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b> 6:00 pm at Faith <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	<b>6 Epiphany</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Ordination of Dennis Rodenberg 4:00 pm at Seeds of Faith Lisbon, Iowa
<b>9</b> 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Naomi Circle</b> 10:00 am at Diane Christensen's home <b>Confirmation Class</b> 6:00 pm at Faith <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith <b>Education Meeting</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	<b>13</b> <b>Worship Committee</b> 6:00 pm at Faith  <b>Joint Council</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Noisy Offering</b> 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	<b>17</b> February newsletter items are due Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports are due.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b> 6:00 pm at Faith <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b> 6:00 pm at Faith <b>Bible Jam</b> 7:00 pm at Faith	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:00 Worship – F <b>Faith's Annual Meeting</b> No Sunday School 10:30 Worship – OS <b>Our Savior's</b> <b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>31</b>					